

Sacred Heart Church

311 River Street Waltham, MA. 02453

Father William Kennedy, Temporary Administrator

“The Sacred Heart Parish Community warmly welcomes all who join us in worship. Whether you are new to the parish or just visiting the area, please introduce yourself to us.”

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:00PM
Sunday, 7:30AM & 10:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday & Wednesday, 7:30AM

Tuesday, 7:00PM

St. Anthony Devotion following Tuesday Mass

PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary, Patricia Cristina & Sheri Kenney
Director of Faith Formation, Bernadette Scalese
Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Laura Peterson
Coordinator of Children's Choir, Buddy Bergeron
Coordinator Of Adult Choir,
Lisa Custodinho

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM-1:00PM
Closed on Fridays

CONTACT US

Parish Office

Phone: (781) 899-0469 Fax (781) 899-0081

Parish E-Mail: SacredHeartWaltham@gmail.com

Parish Web Site: www.sacredheart311.com

Religious Education/Youth Ministry Office

Phone: (781) 893-8461 Fax: (781) 893-6276

Religious Education: SacredheartED@AOL.com

LIFE TEEN: Sacredheartlifeteen@comcast.net

Food Pantry Hours: Thursday 4:00PM—5:00PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are a newcomer to the parish we welcome you and invite you to introduce yourself to the Priests. To register please contact the parish office.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Pastoral care to those who are ill or homebound may be arranged by contacting the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00-3:30PM
or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Baptisms take place on the Second Sunday of the month. Parents are required to attend baptism preparation class prior to their child's baptism. Please make arrangements at least two months in advance

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the parish office and meet with the priest one year prior to the intended wedding and to attend the required marriage preparation program.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing process. Those interested in exploring the Catholic faith through the RCIA should contact the religious education office.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus

St. Francis of the Sacred Heart Council #14091

Contact: Sacredheartknights@hotmail.com

Society of St. Clare, Parish Women's Group

Those who wish to submit bulletin announcements may call the parish office, the deadline for submission is Tuesday at noon.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Luke 12:49



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Masses and Memorials

- Sat. Aug. 13**
4:00PM
Alfredo Rodriguez, Anniversary Memorial
Request of his loving children and grandchildren
- Sun. Aug. 14**
7:30AM
Parishioners
10:00AM
Angelo and Rosa Zino, Anniversary Memorial
Request of their friend.
- Mon. Aug. 15**
7:30AM
Leora O'Connor, Anniversary Memorial,
request of family.
7:00PM
Feast of the Assumption
- Tue. Aug. 16**
7:00PM
Jake McDonough, Birthday Memorial,
Request of Bing Chu
- Wed. Aug. 17**
7:30AM
Warren Cooke, Anniversary Memorial,
request of daughters, Noreen and Patricia
- Sat. Aug. 20**
4:00PM
Louis Parrella, Anniversary Memorial,
request of family.
- Sun. Aug. 21**
7:30AM
10:00AM
Florence Lombardo, Anniversary Memorial,
request of Lombardo Family



Church Bell Memorial

Offered this week in loving Memory of Dennis Vasquezi
Request of his wife Patricia Vasquezi

STEWARDSHIP: SHARING TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own."

Acts 4:32

Week ending July 31st

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We thank each of you for your continued offertory support. Whether you contribute at Mass or online your stewardship is gratefully appreciated.

Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian stewards, reminding us that a stewardship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life. In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."

In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar! The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) Is meant to change us, to make saints of us. The stewardship way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.



Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

- Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
- Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12,
16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-
16
- Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt
22:1-14
- Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
22:34-40
- Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
14/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/
Lk 13:22-30

BEST WISHES TO MATTHEW BUONO

This weekend we bid a heartfelt farewell to Matthew Buono, one of our talented accompanists at Sacred Heart Church. Matt's involvement with music ministry in the parish began at a young age as a member of the Children's Choir. As a teen Matt became active in our youth ministry programs and joined the LIFETEEN music ministry at our 6:00PM Mass. After receiving his degree in music education Matt began his career as a public school music educator. Throughout the years regardless of how busy his life became, Matthew took time to share his faith as a peer leader for youth retreats and at ROC. He also helped direct the Living Stations of the Cross in addition to his responsibilities as music director for LIFETEEN Mass. This past year he also jumped in to help at our 10:00AM Sunday Mass as music resumed post-pandemic. Next week, Matt will assume a new position in music ministry as a choral director at a parish near his home. We are grateful for the many years he has shared his gifts and inspired us through his music. We wish him good luck and many blessings in his new position. While he may not be here on a regular basis, we will look forward to seeing him whenever he can join for future events.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIALS

Following Mass this Saturday afternoon, August 13th we hope you will join us for the post-Mass monthly social. The social will be held in the parking lot (weather permitting), or in the parish hall in the event of rain or extreme heat. This is an opportunity for people to come together after Mass, socialize, enjoy some snacks and conversation with fellow parishioners. People are encouraged to bring some refreshments for themselves or to share with others if they wish.

FUNDRAISING FOR HEATING SYSTEM

We will be signing a contract soon to install a new heat control system in the church. As previously mentioned, the old system was original to the church (over 60 years old) and no longer works. This is the reason we were not able to control the heat in the church last winter. As a result, we paid over \$7,000 for natural gas a month for at least two months. The new system will control both the heat and air conditioning in the church. It will be a programable system and will have sensors to monitor the outside air temperature. We need to raise \$20,000 for the system. We ask your assistance. Please mark all contributions "Heat System" if you make contributions at church or send a contribution through the mail. On-line contributions can be made by designating the HVAC Repair Fund. Thank you for your generous support.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM HELP NEEDED

Saint Columbkille Partnership School in Brighton is looking to fill positions in our after-school program. The program typically operates Monday – Friday from 2:30 – 5:30 pm except on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, when hours are 1:00 – 5:30 pm. They are looking for adults who have experience working with elementary school-aged children who can provide general program supervision, guide and support children according to their development needs, and ensure the safety and well-being of our children. If you are interested, please email your resume to Rachel Rumely at rrumely@stcps.org.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

MISSIONARY APPEAL

Each year the Society for the Propagation of the Faith assigns a Missionary to speak at each of the parishes in our diocese in order to raise funds for their diocese or religious order. Father Peter Ayorogo from the Diocese of Bolgatango, Ghana will visit Sacred Heart and speak at each of the Masses next weekend of August 20-21. There will be a second collection that weekend. You did not receive any envelopes for this special collection because it was assigned to us by the Propagation of the faith after the order for envelopes had been submitted. We thank you for your generous response to this appeal in advance.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022-23

Religious Education Classes will begin Sunday Oct. 2nd. Classes are held on Sunday mornings for students in grades Pre-K-5 and alternating Sundays for grades 6-8 and grades 9 & 10. If you are new to the parish and would like information please contact Bernadette Scalese at (781) 893-8461.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We have several teaching positions which need to be filled this fall: **Pre-K from 10:45AM-12:00Noon** and **Grade 4 session I, 8:30AM-9:45AM**. We are also in need of volunteers to serve as small group facilitators for middle school and high school teens on alternating Sundays at 10:45AM. Please consider sharing your time and faith. Please contact Bernadette Scalese at sacredheart-ED@aol.com or call (781) 893-8461.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know someone who has questions about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Anyone over the age of 7 years old who has never been baptized is welcomed into the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Those who have been baptized in another Christian Church are welcomed after making a profession of faith and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please invite anyone you know who is interested in becoming a Catholic to join you at Mass and to call the parish office for more information.

PRAYER CORNER

Please Pray For...

Dolores Grandinetti, Deborah Hana-Kearny, Steven Sylvester, Janice LeFort Phillip, Todd S., Sara, Jeffrey Sullivan, Elizabeth Corsini, Gary S. Sophia Corsini, Maureen Connell, Emily Daddona, Janice Phillips, Lindsey Yetton, Rev. Gregory J. Hoppough C.S.S., Kathy MacDougall, Charlie Porpora Joe D, Janet Roberts, Donna and Joe Vanaria, Rick T. Jonathan Perez, Ann, Devin, Patricia Cristina, John Bellan, Mary Caramanica, Ann W, Michael Attardo, Henry Hank" Pilla, Victoria Huff, Ruth Mulligan, V. Pallazzo, Roberta J and Marylou R.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

MONTHLY PARISH FOOD DRIVE

We are continuing to hold our monthly food drive on the second weekend of every month. These donations of non-perishable food items will be sent to local food pantries that serve the Waltham and surrounding community. You may bring your donations to the church and leave them in the front vestibule of the church where volunteers picking up the donations can do so from the front driveway of the church. The next Food Drive will be August 13-14.

MINISTRY FAIR

On the weekend of September 10th and 11th we will hold a Ministry Fair in the vestibule of the parish after all Masses. Stop by and learn how you can share your gifts and talents as an Usher, Greeter, Minister of Communion, Lector, Altar Server or assist in Funeral Mass Ministry.

GROUP PHOTO

Since we were unable to get a clear picture of our 4:00PM Mass attendees, we plan to take another group photo following the Saturday afternoon Mass on September 10th. If you regularly attend this Mass please join us so that we can include this with our other group photos for the Centennial.

HEARTBEAT PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

Heartbeat Pregnancy Help Center, 113 Winn Street in Burlington, is in need of donations of infant layette items (onsies, bpa-free bottles, pacifiers, receiving blankets) as well as diapers & baby formula. Monetary donations/gift cards to Walmart, Target, CVS etc. are also gratefully appreciated since the Heartbeat staff have the ability to purchase bulk and wholesale for many of these items. Items may be dropped off at the Religious Education office from 9:00AM-12:00 Noon Mon-Thurs or at Mass on the weekends.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Fr. Kennedy would like to gather a group of people who are willing to assist in planning for and serving at funerals for deceased parishioners. This would include getting information from funeral directors, setting up the church and assisting at the Mass. Very often Fr. Kennedy is coming from another engagement prior to the funeral and will leave immediately following the Mass to accompany families to the cemetery for committal. Please call the office if you are interested.

311 CLUB

We are hoping to increase membership in the 311 Club. The drawing year runs from March through February. The cost is \$5/month (ex: June – Feb is 9 months = \$45). Please make out your checks to Sacred Heart and put 311 Club in the memo section. For questions about the 311 Club, to renew old numbers, to check the status of your number or if you would like additional numbers. Please leave a message John Huff at 781-330-2184. **Join us for the next 311 Club drawing on Thursday, August 18, at 6:00 PM.**

PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR PETER KREEFT

On Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30PM Sacred Heart Parish will hold a special event featuring a presentation by Peter Kreeft Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Boston College. He will speak on the Catholic Church's long history of prosperity and hardships and present his perspective on evangelizing the next generation and will respond to the question "How do we get the faithful back and fill our churches once again". We hope that everyone will mark their calendar for this very special event.



CENTENIAL EVENTS



Centennial Tailgate Party

The Centennial Tailgate Committee is planning a fun-filled, family friendly event that you won't want to miss! We are excited to share some additional details. The tailgate will take place on **Sunday, September 18th, from 12:00-4:30PM**. Parking lot will open at 11:00AM (as soon as the parking lot empties after Mass). The event will include; lawn games, a bounce house, entertainment and an optional adult cornhole tournament for those who wish to compete. Attendees should bring their own chairs, BBQ grills, pop up tents and any food/beverage of your choice. We will also have grills available for those who can't transport their own, as well as two food trucks for those who wish to purchase food. An ice cream truck will be available during the event if you would like to purchase a sweet treat. Donations of \$10 will reserve a space for your vehicle and to set up your grill, chairs and pop-up tent (creative decorating encouraged). So come and enjoy the festivities while listening to the Patriots game and visiting with old and new friends! **Checks may be made payable to "Centennial Celebration"**. Registration flyers can be found on the tables at the entrance of the church. Additional information, including QR codes to pre-order from the food truck, can be accessed on our website early in September.

2nd Annual K of C Golf Outing

We currently have filled requests for all 40 of our golf player spots, however, those interested in playing may still submit a player form, and will be placed on a waiting list. Golf player spots may open up between now and September 25th, and we will contact you should that happen. Those who wish to join us for the dinner that afternoon may reserve a space to enjoy dinner, raffles and socialize. If you have any questions or want more details, please contact Jim Colantropo at jcolantropo@gmail.com

Movies and Memories

Join us on **November 5th and 6th** for Movie and Memories, an event that will feature a look at the past with a viewing of the Centennial Video: *Sacred Heart: 100 Years of Community, Faith and Hope*. The film will be shown before and after the 4:00PM and 10:00AM Masses and following the 7:30AM Mass on Sunday.

Centennial Mass

Please save the date and plan to attend Sacred Heart Church's **Centennial Mass on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 10:00AM**. The Centennial Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert P. Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston. Be sure to mark this on your calendar and join us for this special celebration for our parish.

Sacred Heart Centennial Video

The Sacred Heart Centennial Video is nearly complete and will soon be ready for all to enjoy! A heartfelt thank you is extended to the producers and especially to those who shared their priceless pictures and interviews. At this time we cannot accept any additional photos as we are now adding the final touches to the video, preparing for its debut during the weekend of November 5-6. Please check the Centennial Events on the church website for more details

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